

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

(A) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

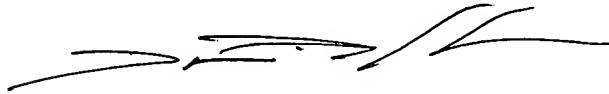
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, as amended, and MPEP 714, Section III, Applicant hereby directs that claims 1 through 16 of the Divisional Application be canceled, and provides this clean version of the amended claims:

Claims 1 – 16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A vibration damping device, formed of an elastomeric material, comprising
- a ring-shaped base with an inner ring surface, and
 - a plurality of fins extending radially out from the ring-shaped base.
18. (original) The vibration damping device of claim 17 wherein the radial fins have a middle portion between the ring-shaped base and a fin tip, and wherein a stabilizing ring is located in the middle portion and joins the radial fins.
19. (original) The vibration damping device of claim 17 further comprising a mounting cup disposed within the inner ring surface.

20. The vibration damping device of claim 19 further comprising
a foam insert disposed within the mounting cup.

Respectfully submitted,

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